

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A print control apparatus comprising:

a parameter acceptance unit for ~~accepting~~accepting, from a print system, a parameter used for trial ~~print processing~~ for each mode of the trial ~~print; and~~print;

a trial print instruction unit for ~~instructing a print unit to execute the trial print in each mode in accordance with the accepted parameter judging, based on the parameters, as to whether or not a request for the trial processing is acceptable, wherein if the request is acceptable, the trial print instruction unit instructs the print system to execute raster image processing for image data;~~

~~_____~~ a reception unit for receiving the processed image data from the print system; and

~~_____~~ a transmission unit for transmitting the received image data to a user terminal.

2. (Currently Amended) The print control apparatus according to claim 1, ~~further comprising; wherein:~~

~~an accounting unit, wherein:~~

the parameter acceptance unit accepts a trial print parameter for a color ~~print~~-mode and a trial print parameter for a monochrome ~~print~~ mode;

if the trial print instruction unit judges based on the test parameter for the color mode that the request designating the color mode is acceptable, the trial print instruction unit instructs the ~~print unit~~print system to execute the raster image processing trial print in the color ~~print mode and trial print in the monochrome print mode in accordance with the accepted trial print parameter for the color print mode and the accepted trial print parameter for the monochrome print mode;~~mode; and

if the trial print instruction unit judges based on the test print parameter for the monochrome mode that the request designating the monochrome mode is acceptable, the trial instruction unit instructs the print system to execute the raster image processing in the monochrome mode.

~~the accounting unit performs an accounting processing on the basis of the trial print parameter for the color print mode when the trial print is executed in the color print mode; and~~

~~the accounting unit performs the accounting processing on the basis of the trial print parameter for the monochrome print mode when the trial print is executed in the monochrome print mode.~~

3. (Currently Amended) ~~An accounting apparatus~~A print system comprising:
a parameter retention unit for retaining a trial print parameter for a color ~~print~~ mode
and a trial print parameter for a monochrome ~~print~~ mode; and
an accounting unit, wherein:

the accounting unit performs an accounting processing on the basis of the trial print parameter for the color ~~print~~ mode when ~~a trial print~~raster image processing is executed for image data in the color ~~print~~ mode; and

the accounting unit performs the accounting processing on the basis of the trial print parameter for the monochrome ~~print~~ mode when the ~~trial print~~raster image processing is executed for the image data in the monochrome ~~print~~ mode.

4. (Currently Amended) A print control method comprising:
~~accepting~~accepting, from a print system, a parameter used for trial print for each mode of the trial print; and

~~instructing the trial print to be executed in each mode in accordance with the accepted parameter.~~

judging, based on the parameters, as to whether or not a request for trial processing is acceptable, wherein if the request is acceptable, instructing the print system to execute raster image processing for image data.

5. (Currently Amended) The print control method according to claim 4, further comprising:

~~executing an accounting processing, wherein:~~

in the accepting of the parameter, a trial print parameter for a color print mode and a trial print parameter for a monochrome print mode are accepted;

in the judging of the parameter, if based on the test parameter for a color mode that the request designating the color mode is acceptable, then instructing the print system to execute the raster image processing in the color mode; and

in the judging of the parameter, if based on the test print parameter for a monochrome mode that the request designating the monochrome mode is acceptable, then instructing the print system to execute the raster image processing in the monochrome mode.

~~in the accepting of the parameter, a trial print parameter for a color print mode and a trial print parameter for a monochrome print mode are accepted;~~

~~in the instructing of the trial print, trial print in the color print mode and trial print in the monochrome print mode are executed in accordance with the accepted trial print parameter for the color print mode and the accepted trial print parameter for the monochrome print mode;~~

~~the accounting processing is executed on the basis of the trial print parameter for the color print mode when the trial print is executed in the color print mode; and~~

~~the accounting processing is executed on the basis of the trial print parameter for the monochrome print mode when the trial print is executed in the monochrome print mode.~~

6. (Currently Amended) ~~An accounting method~~ A printing method comprising:

retaining a trial print parameter for a color ~~print~~-mode and a trial print parameter for a monochrome ~~print~~-mode; and

executing an accounting processing on the basis of the trial print parameter for the color print mode when a ~~trial print~~raster image processing is executed for image data in the color ~~print~~-mode;

executing the accounting processing on the basis of the trial print parameter for the monochrome print mode when ~~the trial print~~raster image processing is executed for image data in the monochrome ~~print~~-mode.

7. (Currently Amended) An image processing system comprising:

a processing requesting device for requesting ~~an image~~raster image processing; and

a processing execution device for executing the requested raster image processingprocessing for image data so that the processed image data enables a first printer to output an image that is identical with that output by a second printer different from the first printer, wherein:

the processing requesting device includes:

a registration requesting unit for requesting the processing execution device to register the processing requesting device for ~~a trial~~trial processing for ~~trying~~testing the raster image processing of the processing execution device; and

a processing requesting unit for requesting the processing execution device to perform the trial processing; and

the processing execution device includes:

a registration unit for executing the requested registration; and

a trial processing execution unit for executing the trial processing requested by the registered processing requesting device.

8. (Original) The image processing system according to claim 7, wherein:

the trial processing is set to have the same processing range as that of the image processing;

the processing execution device further includes a trial processing range setting unit for setting the processing range of the trial processing; and

the processing requesting unit of the processing requesting device requests the processing execution device to perform the trial processing included in the set processing range.

9. (Original) The image processing system according to claim 7, wherein:

the trial processing is set to have a different processing range from that of the image processing;

the processing execution device further includes a trial processing range setting unit for setting the processing range of the trial processing; and

the processing requesting unit of the processing requesting device requests the processing execution device to perform the trial processing included in the set processing range.

10. (Currently Amended) The image processing system according to claim 8, wherein the processing requesting device further includes a ~~display unit~~display unit; ~~for displaying a message indicating that the requested trial processing is beyond the processing range.~~

if the requested trial processing is beyond the processing range the display unit displays a message indicating that the requested trial processing is beyond the processing range.

11. (Original) The image processing system according to claim 8, wherein the trial processing execution unit of the processing execution device executes the requested trial processing within the set processing range.

12. (Currently Amended) The image processing system according to claim 7 wherein:

~~an additional image is set in the trial processing; and~~

the trial processing execution unit of the processing execution device adds ~~the set additional image~~advertisement image data to ~~image data provided as a result of the trial processing;~~the processed image data, and

the trial processing execution unit outputs image data obtained by adding the advertisement image data to the processed image data.

13. (Currently Amended) The image processing system according to claim 12 further comprising:

a position designation unit for accepting designation of a position of ~~the additional image, wherein:~~an image represented by the advertisement image data, wherein:

the trial processing execution unit adds the image represented by the set additional image~~advertisement image data to an image represented by the processed image data~~the image data provided as the result of the trial processing at the designated position.

14. (Currently Amended) The image processing system according to claim 12 further comprising:

a search unit for searching for an optimum position of ~~the additional image;~~an image represented by the advertisement image data, wherein:

the trial processing execution unit adds ~~the set additional image~~the image represented by the advertisement image data to ~~the image~~an image represented by the processed image

data provided ~~as the result of the trial processing~~ at the position found as a result of the searching.

15. (Original) The image processing system according to claim 7, wherein:
first points are set to the trial processing;
second points are set to the registered processing requesting device;
the processing execution device further includes a subtraction unit for subtracting the first points set to the executed trial processing from the second points set to the registered processing requesting device every time the requested trial processing is executed; and
the processing execution unit executes the trial processing requested by the processing requesting device corresponding to the second point during the second points are left.

16. (Currently Amended) A processing requesting device in an image processing system including the processing requesting device for requesting ~~an image~~ raster image processing and a processing execution device for executing the requested raster image processing, the processing requesting device comprising:

a registration requesting unit for requesting the processing execution device to register the processing requesting device for a trial processing for ~~trying testing the~~ raster image processing of the processing execution device; and

a processing requesting unit for requesting the processing execution device to perform the trial processing.

17. (Original) The processing requesting device according to claim 16, wherein:
the trial processing is set to have the same processing range as that of the image processing; and

the processing requesting unit of the processing requesting device requests the processing execution device to perform the trial processing included in the set processing range.

18. (Original) The processing requesting device according to claim 16, wherein:
the trial processing is set to have a different processing range from that of the image processing; and

the processing requesting unit of the processing requesting device requests the processing execution device to perform the trial processing included in the set processing range.

19. (Original) The processing requesting device according to claim 17, further comprising:

a display unit for displaying a message indicating that the requested trial processing is beyond the processing range.

20. (Currently Amended) A processing execution device in an image processing system including a processing requesting unit for requesting ~~an image~~ raster image processing and the processing execution device for executing the requested raster image processing, the processing execution device comprising:

a registration unit for registering the processing requesting device for ~~a trial processing; and~~ trial processing of the raster image processing; and

a trial processing execution unit for executing the trial processing requested by the registered processing requesting ~~device~~ device, for image data so that the processed image data enables a first printer to output an image that is identical with that output by a second printer different from the first printer.

21. (Original) The processing execution device according to claim 20, wherein:
the trial processing is set to have the same processing range as that of the image processing; and

the trial processing execution unit executes the requested trial processing within the set processing range.

22. (Original) The processing execution device according to claim 20, wherein:
the trial processing is set to have a different processing range from that of the image processing; and

the trial processing execution unit executes the requested trial processing within the set processing range.

23. (Currently Amended) The processing execution device according to claim 20, wherein:

~~an additional image is set in the trial processing; and~~

the trial processing execution unit adds ~~the set additional image to image data provided as a result of the trial processing~~ advertisement image data to the processed image data, and

the trial processing execution unit outputs image data obtained by adding the advertisement image data to the processed image data.

24. (Currently Amended) The processing execution device according to claim 23, further comprising:

a position designation unit for accepting designation of a position of ~~the additional image, wherein:~~ an image represented by the advertisement image data, wherein

the trial processing execution unit adds the image represented by the ~~set additional image~~ advertisement image data to an image represented by the processed image data provided as the result of the trial processing at the designated position.

25. (Currently Amended) The processing execution device according to claim 23, further comprising:

a search unit for searching for an optimum position of ~~the additional image,~~ an image represented by the advertisement image data, wherein:

the trial processing execution unit adds ~~the set added image to image~~ the image represented by the advertisement image data to an image represented by the processed image data provided as a result of the trial processing at a position found as the result of the searching.

26. (Original) The processing execution device according to claim 20, further comprising:

a subtraction unit, wherein:

first points are set to the trial processing;

second points are set to the registered processing requesting device;

the subtraction unit subtracts the first points set to the executed trial processing from the second points set to the registered processing requesting device every time the requested trial processing is executed; and

the trial processing execution unit executes the trial processing requested by the processing requesting device corresponding to the second points during the second points are left.

27. (Original) An image processing method comprising:

requesting to register a first device for a trial processing for trying ~~an imageraster~~ image processing;

requesting to execute the trial processing;

register the requested first device; and

executing the requested trial processing.

28. (New) The print control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein if the request is acceptable, the trial print instruction unit instructs the print system to execute the raster image processing of the image data so that the processed image data enables a user's printer to output an image that is identical with that output by the print system.

29. (New) The print control method according to claim 4, further comprising:

in the judging of the parameter, if based on the test print parameter the request is acceptable then instructing the print system to execute the raster image processing of the image data so that the processed image data enables a user's printer to output an image that is identical with that output by the print system.

30. (New) The print system according to claim 3, wherein the raster image processing is executed for the image data so that the processing image data enables a user's printer to output an image that is identical with that output by the print system.

31. (New) The printing method according to claim 6, wherein the raster image processing is executed for the image data so that the processing image data enables a user's printer to output an image that is identical with that output by the print system.

32. (New) The print system according to claim 3, further comprising:

a control unit, wherein

the control unit judges, based on the trial print parameter for the color mode, as to whether or not a request, for a trial print, designating the color mode is acceptable, and

the control unit judges, based on the trial print parameter for the monochrome mode, as to whether or not a request, for the trial print, designating the monochrome mode is acceptable; and

a raster image processing unit for performing raster image processing, wherein

if the request designating the color mode is acceptable, the control unit allows the raster image processing unit to perform the raster image processing in the color mode in accordance with the request, and

if the request designating the monochrome mode is acceptable, the control unit allows the raster image processing unit to perform the raster image processing in the monochrome mode in accordance with the request.

33. (New) The printing method according to claim 6, further comprising:

judging, based on the trial print parameter for the color mode, as to whether or not a request, for a trial print, designating the color mode is acceptable;

judging, based on the trial print parameter for the monochrome mode, as to whether or not a request, for the trial print, designating the monochrome mode is acceptable; and

performing raster image processing, wherein

if the request designating the color mode is acceptable, instructing the print system to execute the raster image processing in the color mode in accordance with the request, and

if the request designating the monochrome mode is acceptable, instructing the print system to execute the raster image processing in the monochrome mode in accordance with the request.

34. (New) The processing execution device according to claim 20, wherein the trial processing execution unit outputs the processed image data.